

Sec. 4-13. - Charges.

(a)

In order to partially defray the costs incurred by the city in providing emergency medical services and ambulance services, the following fees are hereby established to be collected for the provision of emergency ambulance service by the city:

(1)

A base fee of \$450.00, plus the variable fees established in subsection (c), below, payable by the hospital from which the transportation originates, for the transportation of a person by fire department ambulance from one hospital to another hospital; and

(2)

A base fee of \$415.00, plus the variable fees established in subsection (c), below, payable by or on behalf of the person served, for the transportation of a person by fire department ambulance other than from one hospital to another hospital.

(b)

The fee specified above for transportation of a person from one hospital to another hospital shall apply in each instance where a person is transported from one hospital to another hospital, except in those instances in which a person is picked up at a place other than a hospital and during the course of his transportation to the intended destination hospital the ambulance makes an intermediate stop at another hospital for emergency stabilization or other treatment en route. The fee specified above for the transportation of a person from one hospital to another hospital shall in each instance be payable by the hospital from which the transportation of the person originates, and the transportation of the person shall not commence until and unless:

(1)

The physician in charge of the care of the person furnishes a written statement that the person's condition is suitable for safe transportation by ground ambulance to the intended destination hospital; and

(2)

The hospital furnishes a physician or other trained and qualified medical staff member who shall ride in the ambulance and assume the responsibility for the care of the person being transported en route; and

(3)

The administrator of the hospital or another responsible person signs a statement promising on behalf of the hospital to pay for the transportation of the person and furnishes the necessary billing information.

(c)

In addition to the base fees imposed under items (1) and (2) of subsection (a), above, the following variable fees shall be imposed, as applicable:

- (1) For use of oxygen (any quantity) \$65.00
- (2) For use of an oxygen mask or a nasal canula, or both 15.00
- (3) For use of EKG (tracing only) 50.00
- (4) For EKG pad(s) (any quantity) 16.89
- (5) For IV prep kit(s) (any quantity) 10.00
- (6) For IV administration set(s) (any quantity) 25.00
- (7) For cervical collar 25.00
- (8) For head immobilization 25.00
- (9) For D5W (any quantity) 11.00
- (10) For Adenosine (Adenocard) per 6 mg 33.25
- (11) For Albuterol Sulfate (Proventil) for 0.5% sol. per ml 0.70
- (12) For Atropine per 0.3 mg 0.49
- (13) For Dextrose 50% 11.39
- (14) For Diazepam (Valium) 1.06
- (15) For Dopamine (Intropin) per 250 mg 9.26
- (16) For Epinephrine 1:1,000 1.09
- (17) For Epinephrine 1:10,000 1.09
- (18) For Furosemide (Lasix) 1.12
- (19)

- For Lidocaine Drip per 50 cc 2.76
- (20)
- For Lidocaine HCL- 2% per 50 cc 2.76
- (21)
- For Naloxone HCO (Narcan) 3.73
- (22)
- For Cordarone IV per 300 mg 150.00
- (23)
- For miscellaneous medical supplies (any amount, type or quantity)
25.00
- (24)
- For mileage (from pickup point to hospital), per mile or any portion
of a mile 7.50
- In lieu of actual computed miles, the fire chief may authorize use of
a zone system or other procedure, provided that the mileage
charged does not exceed the actual mileage.

(d)

For persons transported under circumstances where two or more ill or injured persons are simultaneously transported in the same ambulance, the \$450.00 or \$415.00 base transportation fee specified in subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2), above, as applicable, and the \$7.50 per mile mileage fee specified in subsection (c)(24), above, shall be prorated on the basis of the number of persons served.

(e)

The fire department shall submit to the tax assessor-collector a record of each instance in which emergency ambulance transportation service is provided. The tax assessor-collector shall be responsible for the billing and collection of the applicable fees. Except for the conditions expressly provided above in the instance of the transportation of a patient from one hospital to another hospital, no provision in this section shall be construed to authorize the fire department, under any circumstances, to refuse emergency ambulance assistance to any person upon the grounds that the person is indigent or unable to pay for the service.

(Code 1968, § 5-15; Ord. No. 70-1518, § 14, 9-16-70; Ord. No. 76-2031, § 1, 11-23-76; Ord. No. 83-1318, § 1, 8-23-83; Ord. No. 86-1616, § 1, 9-10-86; Ord. No. 91-1178, § 1, 8-14-91; Ord. No. 93-918, § 1, 7-28-93; Ord. No. 96-665, § 7, 6-26-96; Ord. No. 97-1003, § 1, 8-20-97; Ord. No. 01-564, § 11, 6-20-01; Ord. No. 02-528, § 14a., 6-19-02)
